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SUBJECT: ROK-JAPAN EXPLORATION AGREEMENT

REF: A SEOUL 8421; B SEOUL 8428

1. REFTELS REPORTED FAVORABLE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ACTION ON ROK-JAPAN CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT. RATIFICATION BY ROKG WILL BECOME FINAL WHEN RATIFICATION INSTRUMENT SIGNED BY PRESIDENT PARK.

2. MOFA TREATIES DEVISION CHIEF ROE CHANG HEE TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 18 THAT ROKG HAD DECIDED TO REQUEST ASSEMBLY ACTION ON SHELF AGREEMENT AFTER RECEIVING ASSURANCES FROM JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT GOJ WOULD URGE DIET TO RATIFY AGREEMENT IN NEAR FUTURE. ROE SAID ROKG MOVE WAS PROMPTED BOTH BY DESIRE TO EXPEDITE OIL EXPLORATION AND BY INTEREST IN STRENGTHENING ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS. HE SAID THAT OPPOSITION HAD QUESTIONED ACTING FONMIN ON RATIFICATION IN DECEMBER 12 FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING, BUT, AS REF B REPORTS, CONFIDENTIAL

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THERE WERE NO INTERPELLATIONS ON FLOOR, AND RATIFICATION

ISSUE RECEIVED NO OTHER ATTENTION IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
PRIOR TO PASSAGE.

3. ROE SAID THAT PRESIDENT PARK WOULD SIGN RATIFICATION
INSTRUMENT AS SOON AS JAPANESE DIET RATIFIES AGREEMENT,
BUT NOT BEFORE.
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